GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker – NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada City – Detention of Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1024 Dated: 09-09-2025

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, NTR District, Vijayawada, C.No.1796/M1/CP-NTR Police Commissionerate/2025, dt.05.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada City has reported that adverting to the above subject, Sub-Inspector of Police, Veerulapadu PS has placed before the Commissioner Of Police, Vijayawada City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of Vishakhapatnam District, to the Vijayawada city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of NTR Police Commissionerate and its neighboring districts. Further submitted that the detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu

Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao (Late), along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec.2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in NTR District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S. No.	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Ganja Seized (in Kg's)	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.328/2021 U/S 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Veerulapadu PS	2 Kgs	PT
2.	Cr.No.94/2022 U/S 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Veerulapadu PS	2 Kgs	PT
3.	Cr.No.165/2023 U/S 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Veerulapadu PS	1.5 Kgs	PT
4.	Cr.No.26/2025 U/S 8(c),20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Kanchikacherla PS	6 Kgs	UI(Charge Sheet filed)
5.	Cr.No.232/2025 U/S 8(c),20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Ibrahimpatnam PS	8.5 Kgs	UI

5. Grounds for Detention:

1. Cr.No.328/2021 U/S 8(c),20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Veerulapadu PS of NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

This is a case of negligent act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life, disobedience to quarantine rule, adulteration action of food or drink intended for sale and sale of noxious food or drink and also doing illegal ganja business under 03.08.2021 at about 07.30 hrs, near Ponnavaram to Kanchikacharla road in the out skirts of Ponnavaram village, Veerulapadu Mandal, reported on the same day at 09.00 hrs., wherein after

received the advance reliable information, the Sub Inspector of Police, Veerulapadu PS along with his staff and the mediators were went near to Ponnavaram- Kanchikacharla road in the out skirts of Ponnavaram village, Veerulapadu Mandal on 03.08.2021 at 07.30 hrs and taken the accused A-1 and A-2 into custody and seized 2 kgs ganja from their possession and also seized the motor cycles bearing No. TS04 EY 3168 which was used by them in this offence in the presence of the mediators under the cover of the mediators report, wherein the accused A-1 and A-2 purchased those products from un-known person of Seeleru of E.G. Dist., later they supply the same to the accused A-3 to A-7 by taking some margin and they sold the same to the public at higher rate, thereby they gain excess profit illegally by cheating the public and also the Govt. Hence the Mediators report is FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and the present stage of the Case is Pending Trial vide SC.No.40/2023, Dt.04.12.2023 in the Hon'ble Ist ADJ Court, Machilipatnam.

2. Cr.No.94/2022 U/S 8(c),20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Veerulapadu PS of NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

This is a case of illegal purchase and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on 29.04.2022 at about 10.00 hrs., and reported on the same day at 11.30 hrs., wherein after received the advance reliable information, the Sub-Inspector of Police, Veerulapadu PS along with his staff and the mediators were went near to NSP Canal, at out skirts of Ponnavaram towards Jammavaram village, Veerulapadu Mandal on 29.04.2022 at 10.00 hrs., and taken the accused village into custody by name Eadhara Krishna Nageswara Rao, S/o Narasimharao (late), A/34 yrs., C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram and seized 2 kgs ganja worth of 4000/- from his possession in the presence of the mediators under the cover of the mediators report, wherein the accused purchased those products from un-known person of one of the surrounding village at Balemela dam in Orisa state, later he sold the same to the public at higher rate as well as he used to smoke, thereby he gain excess profit illegally by cheating the public and also the Govt., hence the mediators report is FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and the present stage of the Case is Pending Trial vide SC.No.41/2023, Dt.04.12.2023 in the Hon'ble Ist ADJ Court, Machilipatnam.

3. Cr.No.165/2023 U/S 8(c),20(b)(ii)(C) - NDPS Act of Veerulapadu PS of NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

This is a case of illegal purchase and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on 07.07.2023 at 05.30 hrs at open plots, Ponnavaram village, Veerulapadu Mandal and reported on

the same day at 09.30 hours, wherein on credible information the complainant SI of Police, Veerulapadu PS secured his staff and mediators, rushed to open plots situated outskirts of Ponnavaram village, apprehended the accused A-1 Edara Krishna Nageswara Rao S/o Narasimha rao(Late), 35 yrs, Rajaka, Ponnavaram village, Veerulapadu Mandal A2) Chittireddy Vamsi, S/o Srinu, 21yrs, Erukula, Ponnavaram village, Veerulapadu Mandal while they were packing Ganza in polythine covers, seized 1 ½ KGs Ganja worth Rs 2,000/-, which was purchased from A-3 Base @ Yesu of Seeleru village, Alluri Sitaramaraju Dist. and to sell to their customers under cover of mediators report is FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that it is GANJA and the present stage of the Case is Pending Trial vide SC.No.42/2023, Dt.05.12.2023 in the Hon'ble Ist ADJ Court, Machilipatnam.

4. Cr.No.26/2025 U/S 8(c),20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Kanchikacherla PS of NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

This is a case of illegal purchase and sale of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drug (Cannabis-Ganja) that occurred on occurred on 23.01.2025 at 16.00 hrs at a Venture Near Amritha Sai College, Gani athkuru Paritala road, Paritala village, Kanchikacherla Mandal and reported on the same day at 18.30 hrs, wherein the complainant B RAJU, SI of Police, Kanchikacherla PS received credible information and quickly arrived at the scene of the offense with staff and mediators. On seeing the police the accused A1-A7 tried to skulk away along with Car bearing No. TS 10 EE 0123, then caught them with able assistance of staff, on checking to found possession of 6 Kgs Ganja and they confessed that, the ganja was bought by A1- Eedara Krishna Nageswarao @ Krishna, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), 38yrs, Rajaka, Ponnavaram village of Veerulapadu mandal., A2- Bandla Sai Kumar, S/o Narasimharao, A/28, C/Kamma, Near Ramalayam Dwarakunta village, Kodada Mandal, Telangana State., A3- Panthangi Gopi Krishna, S/o Srinivasarao, A/25 C/Padmasali, Bhavani Nagar, Kodada.,A4- Alugula Tarun, S/o Nageswarao, 22yrs, vaddera, Kanchikacherla village and Mandal. A5-Ekkurthi Nagasai kumar @ Sai, S/o Sambasivarao, 23yrs, Rajaka, Model colony, Kanchikacherla village and Mandal.., A6-Bathula Koteswarao, S/o Ramu, A/23, C/Vaddera Model colony, Kanchikacherla Mandal.,A7- Amarla venkata Pavan kumar @ Battalu, S/o Edukondalu, 19 yrs, yadava, Gottimukkala village of Kanchikacherla, which is for their own consumption and selling, then seized the Ganja worth Rs.42,000/-, Car and 6 Touch Phones under Mediators Report and registered FIR.

Subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt, Chemical Examiner, Kakinada through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA and in this case the charge sheet was filed in Hon'ble Ist ADJ Court, Machilipatnam, vide CF.No.860/2025 Dt.02.06.2025

5. Cr.No.232/2025 U/S 8(c),20(b)(ii)(C)-NDPS Act of Ibrahimpatnam PS of NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.

This is a case of illegal possession of Ganja that was Occurred On 09.05.2025 at 16.30 hrs, Near wine shop, Chilukuru Road, Donabanda, Ibrahimpatnam and reported on 09.05.2025 at 18.30 hrs, where in the complainant G.Phanendhar, SI of Police reported that on credible information when he was reached at above occurrence place along with his staff HC¿s 405, 655, PC-4037, 4191, HG 977 and MEO ,mediators and found that two persons seated below tree, on saw the police they tried to escape from the spot, then SI and his staff caught them and interrogated they disclosed their details as A1) Edara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimharao, A/36 Yrs, ST Colony, Ponnavaram village, Veerlapadu Mandal, NTR District. A2) Narla Venkatesh, S/o Srinivasarao, A/23 Yrs, SIvalayam Street, Jammavaram Village, Veerlapadu Mandal, NTR District and on 09.05.2025 they went to Vijayawada for work of A1 on A2 motor cycle bearing NO. AP 40 BY 8591, at about 14.00 hrs the accused A3) Naveen phoned to A1 and informed that he have Ganja, if he passed Vijayawada he will give Share of Ganja to him, on that the accused A1 and A2 were pickup the accused A3 and came to Donabanda, while they were seated under tree, meanwhile police were came and caught A1 & A2 and seized Ganja: 8.506 KG's and Pulsar 220 Motor Cycle bearing No. AP 40 BY 8591 under the cover of the mediators, and the accused A3 is escaped from the spot in which the complainant G.Phanendhar, SI of Police, Ibrahimpatnam PS. This case is UI.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is an "illicit trafficker" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988(PITNDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial to the maintenance of the Public Health.

7. The other following cases that are registered against Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao (Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, in Andhra Pradesh State as stated below:

S.No	Cr.No., Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.430/2021 U/s 110(e) Cr.P.C of Veerulapadu PS, NTR Police Commissionerate, Vijayawada.	Conviction Vide MC.No.72/2021

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988).

9. Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illegal activities of the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Vijayawada and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately Public Health.

11. The offender repeatedly resorts to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality, and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue(Excise) Department, under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and

psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram/Nellore.
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Sri Edara Krishna Nageswararao @ Eadhara Krishna Nageswararao, S/o Narasimha rao(Late), A/37 Yrs, C/Rajaka, Ponnavaram Village, Veerulapadu Mandal, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh (Through Sub-Inspector of Police, Veerulapadu PS).
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
Sub-Inspector of Police, Veerulapadu PS, Vijayawada City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to the Secretary to Govt., Law Department, AP Secretariat.
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